

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, it is with saddened hearts that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause in their diverse legislative endeavors in order to acknowledge the death of Missouri State Highway Patrolman Ralph C. Tatoian on April 20, 2005, at the age of thirty-four; and

**Whereas**, born on July 3, 1972, in Saint Louis, Missouri, into the family of Ralph S. and Mary Ann Tatoian, Patrolman Ralph Tatoian graduated from Rosary High School in Spanish Lake, Missouri, on May 19, 1990, and attended Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville from 1990 to 1993; and

**Whereas**, Ralph Tatoian began Missouri Highway Patrol recruit training in Jefferson City on July 1, 1995, and graduated on December 15, 1995, before being assigned to Troop C, Zone 1, in Saint Louis County on December 16, 1995; and

**Whereas**, Patrolman Ralph Tatoian distinguished himself as a Troop C Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) member and sniper, during Troop C marijuana eradication and 2004 Presidential Debate security detail assignments, and as a Troop C firearms instructor and field training officer; and

**Whereas**, Patrolman Ralph Tatoian received numerous Letters of Commendation in light of his highly professional work ethic, and he received many Letters of Appreciation from those who he never hesitated to assist when they were stranded while traveling Missouri roadways; and

**Whereas**, the beloved husband of Deborah, Patrolman Ralph Tatoian was the loving father of fourteen-year-old Samantha, seven-year-old Ralph, and seven-month-old Maxwell; and

**Whereas**, Patrolman Ralph Tatoian lost his life in a vehicle accident while responding to a predawn summons to participate in a manhunt for an armed burglary who had shot a Gasconade County sheriff's deputy during the commission of a crime:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, join unanimously to posthumously salute Trooper Ralph Tatoian and to convey this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences to his family members, colleagues, and friends who now miss his considerable light and warmth in their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of Missouri Highway Patrolman Ralph C. Tatoian of Saint Louis County.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Bruce Darrough  
District No. 75

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. , adopted April 21, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker